

INTERNSHIP SYLLABUS

AUGMENTEE, COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION (CTR) OFFICE INT-103

1. Internship Program Description

The Internship Program of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies' Foreign Area Officer Program is designed to provide FAO students practical, first-hand experience to supplement and extend the resident training and instruction they receive. All FAO students will complete a minimum of one 3-month internship working in support of an U.S. agency in Eastern Europe or Eurasia. The internship program provides first-hand exposure to issues confronting Eastern Europe and Eurasian states; enhanced language and interpretation skill gained by realistic use of the language; deeper understanding of and appreciation for the host nation's contemporary culture, customs, and trends; and a unique training opportunity for FAO students in preparation for future assignments.

2. CTR Internship Description

- a. The internship with the Cooperative Threat Reduction Office (CTR) allows the FAO student the opportunity to live and serve at either the U.S. Embassy in Minsk, Belarus; or Kiev, Ukraine as the forward-deployed representative of the U.S. government supporting the implementation of the Nunn-Lugar CTR Program. During the course of their duties, FAO students will interact with officials from the Department of Defense; Defense Special Weapons Agency (DSWA); civilian contractors; the host nation Ministries of Defense, International Affairs, and Customs; embassy officials; and numerous other agencies. The CTR program strives to ensure the total dismantlement of the strategic nuclear forces in these two countries that inherited their nuclear capability as the result of the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The program involves silo dismantlement and site restoration; SS-19 and SS-24 missile dismantlement; infrastructure elimination; defense conversion; housing projects for former officers and their families; and other programs in support of the main goal – rendering Belarus and Ukraine non-nuclear.
- b. This internship lasts for 90 days. FAO students live in an apartment on the host nation's economy. Normally, work is conducted five to six days a week, 10-12 hours a day.

3. Course objectives:

- a. At the end of this internship, FAO students should be familiar with and be able to discuss the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction agreement and START treaties.
- b. Students should know current U.S. arms control policy and programs with the host nation. Students should be able to discuss the status of the programs and describe current events or trends that indicate progress with the programs or failure to meet the goals.

- c. Students should be able to explain the historical and political factors involved in any ongoing ethnic conflicts and/or territorial disputes and their impact on the goals and programs of the U.S. government.
- d. Students should be familiar with and be able to discuss the current political, economic, cultural, and religious trends in the host nation.
- e. Students should increase their Russian language skills and knowledge of host nation culture.

4. Course Standards

- a. The CTR Team Chief provides verbal or written feedback on the student's internship. That information is incorporated into the student's Officer Efficiency Report. A center of mass rating on the OER indicates successful accomplishment of course objectives a-d.
- b. Language skills are tested prior to and upon return from the internship.